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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT QUESTON ON TURKEY-COGNAC WAR

1.DURING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S QUESTION HOUR ON JANUARY 11,
EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP (EXTERNAL RELATIONS)
WAS ASKED BY A FRENCH MP WHETHER THERE WAS ANY LIKELIHOOD OF
THE US REMOVING ITS RECENT INCREASE IN DUTIES ON COGNAC.IN
RESPONSE HAFERKAMP NOTED: (1)THE EC COMMISSION HAD BOTH
PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY INDICATED TO THE US THAT IT REGRETTE
THE DECISION; (2)THE US UNILATERALLY TIED THE QUESTION OF
THE DUTY ON COGNAC IMPORTED INTO US FROM EC TO THE QUESTION
OF US EXPORTS OF TURKEY PARTS TO THE EC; (3)US-EC TRADE
IN COGNAC AND TURKEY HAS NOW DETERIORATED FURTHER,THUS
DEMONSTRATING THE DISADVANTAGES OF PROTECTIONIST MEASURES;
(4)THE US ITSELF TOLD THE COMMUNITY IT REGRETTE
THE TWO SIDES HADNOT FOUND A SOLUTION THROUGH BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE US ACTION ON COGNAC DUTY
UNNECESSARY; (5)THE TWO SIDES HOPE TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE
THIS AND ANY OTHER SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS;
AND (6)IF IT SEES ANY SIGN WHATEVER THAT THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION
MIGHT BE WILLING TO ROLL BACK THE COGNAC DUTY,
THE COMMISSION WILL REOPEN
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THE MATTER WITH US IN ANY FORUM THAT SEEMS PROMISING.

2.COMMENT: WE NOTE IN A UPI STORY FILED IN LUXEMBOURG
JANUARY 11 THAT HAFERKAMP IS REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO STATED
THAT "HE WILL GO TO THE U.S.AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO
DISCUSS RECENT INCREASES OF U.S.LEVIES ON BRANDY
IMPORTS." THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT MADE

BEFORE PARLIAMENT,ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT HAFERKAMP

MADE SUCH COMMENT TO REPORTERS AFTERWARD..WE WILL RUN DOWN WHETHER
THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE UPI STORY.

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